



Frederick Fisher was born in 1762, to Charles Fisher, probably in Mecklenburg County, NC. Private Frederick Fisher, wounded, is among the half of the patriot casualties listed on the 1909 Kings Mountain Battlefield monument. On 31Mar1784, Jacob Fisher was born to Frederick and Mary Fisher. (We do not know Mary's maiden name or marriage details.) Frederick Fisher died in Marshall County TN on 24Apr1846. **Frederick and Mary Fisher** are buried at Andrews-Liggett Cemetery on US431, Franklin Road, about 7 miles north of Lewisburg, TN.

On Saturday afternoon, 07Oct1780 Fisher was in the Washington County VA militia company of Captain James Dysart. While assaulting Patrick Ferguson's regiment of loyalists from the south side of Kings Mountain, Fisher was shot in the right knee. Frederick could not run from the line of Tory bayonets charging down the ridge. He rolled under some bushes. A Tory saw him and stabbed him (FPA S3315) with a bayonet. About that time, shots rang out at the Tories' backs from the north side of the ridge. The Whigs advanced whooping and screaming. Frederick's friends followed Colonel Isaac Shelby, Colonel James Williams, and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland as they charged up toward Ferguson's camp at the top of the ridge. The Tories turned back from the south foot of the ridge to return to their camp, leaving Frederick Fisher with his wounds.

On Sunday, 08Oct1781, Colonel William Campbell assigned two escorts to each wounded patriot. The victors of the horrible battle rounded up prisoners from Ferguson's regiment with

their 1200 stands of arms. They began the march away from Lord Cornwallis' army in Charlotte. The losers walked carrying muskets with flintlocks removed. Their horses and wagons were available for use by the winners. We do not know the details about Frederick Fisher. He probably had the care of two friends for the trip back to Greenlee's Ford of the Catawba in Burke County, NC. There Dr. Joseph Dobson treated a dozen or two Kings Mountain wounded. The idea that Fisher would have gone to the familiar people and neighborhood in Mecklenburg County, nearer to Kings Mountain, must be tempered by the fact that Cornwallis' army field HQ was in Charlotte.

*Daniel Smith* signed the minutes of Washington County VA Quarterly Sessions Court at Blacks Fort on 21Nov1780. It was a busy meeting in the aftermath of the Battle of Kings Mountain (BKM). The magistrates attended to the urgent business of caring for widows and orphans. They continued for two more days before adjourning. There was no record made regarding the BKM wounded. On 15Apr1783 the court voted to continue benefits to Frederick Fisher granted by a former assembly due to wounds at BKM (also William Moore, Benoni Banning, and John Skeggs).

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Virginia Military Records, List of State Pensioners [1785], Page 712 lists Frederick Fisher at £12.0.0 The pension file of Frederick contains nearly 100 documents which gives accurate data concerning him. Doctors and government inspectors were required to make routine reports on wounded soldiers concerning their health and whereabouts. One document stated -- "At the present time he (Frederick Fisher) is in a state of disability which renders him unable to procure a living by his own exertion." He came to Tennessee in 1809 but made many trips back to Rowan County, North Carolina. Among these files he makes "my trusty and faithful friend, **James K. Polk**" his power-of-attorney.

Will Graves (<http://revwarapps.org/s20364.pdf>) reports that The Virginia State Library catalogue indicates that there is a pension file relating to the veteran, however, documents relating to Fisher's pension are misfiled under the name "James Figg". A 1929 letter from Commissioner Earl D Church states "He was pensioned by the State of Virginia from December 24, 1781, until he was placed on the pension roll of the United States on January 29, 1846, at which time he was a resident of Marshall County Tennessee."

*Marshall County Historical Quarterly*, Spring 1986, p32.

On April 28, 1847, the widow testified that her deceased husband had resided in Marshall County, TN, for thirty years before his death and prior thereto he had resided in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He appeared on the 1811 Tax List in Maury County owning land on Cedar Creek in the part of the county that became Marshall.

Frederick and Mary Fisher are buried in the Fisher Cemetery on the Franklin Road, Highway 431, approximately 7 miles outside Lewisburg, Tennessee. The cemetery is now known as the Andrews-Liggett Cemetery. Their tombstones read as follows:

Frederick Fisher Virginia, Pvt. Col. Campbell's Regt., Revolutionary War 1767-1848  
Mary Fisher 1762-1846 Wife of Frederick Fisher

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Once more populace than current county seat of Lewisburg, the cemetery is in the community known as Berlin, Tennessee. Perhaps Frederick Fisher had some naming rights for the choice of the German capital's name.

FYI, the name is pronounced "Bur" "lun" by the locals, not "Bur" "lynn".

In FPA W4453, Margaret Willhite of Dade County GA in 1853 gave testimony regarding the pension of Conrad Hise that he, his brother Leonard Hise, Henry Henigar, and **Frederick Fisher** were Dutch (German) and served together at BKM.

In S3315, Fisher testified in Maury County in 1832 that John Dysart must have served at BKM. In that deposition Fisher states that at BKM, he was shot in the knee then stabbed with a bayonet. He further deposed that he was a pensioner.

FPA S8713 Leonard Hise deposed that he served in the company of Captain James Dysart. It further injects another Frederick Fisher, a doctor in Rowan County NC near Salisbury.

*From the John Osborne Diary, 1800-1802, Mecklenburg Co., NC:*

"June 1801, 2 Tues was warm. I went from Wm McCain's to old Mr. Charles Fisher's from that I went home with Frederick Fisher and his wife from that home and about the setting of the sun it came on a mighty storm of wind and rain."

"Aug 1802, 30 Mon warm and a heavy rain. In the morning I left McCain's from there to Frederick Fisher's from there to his son George and I went to Jacob Starns from there to David Starns and there were some more of the neighbors and we turned in and had a stump of a frolic and I strained one of my ankles very bad - we went back to Mr. FISHERs and staid till morning."

Pg. 85: Frederick Fisher was witness to a deed from Isaac Watt to Henry Rowan of Maury Co. in Jan 1821.

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